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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended July 7, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3---The week's Best Buys from the fruit department include raspberries, boysenberries, apricots, currants, and small sizes of peaches.

In the Good Buy line-up are loganberries, figs, lemons, Valencia oranges, watermelons, and cantaloups.

Nectarines and plums are Fair Buys.

From the vegetable bin, Best Buys are cauliflower, corn, lettuce, and all soft squash.

Cabbage is a Good Buy, along with carrots, celery, cucumbers, okra.

In the Fair Buy class are peas and asparagus.

Meat --

In the San Francisco wholesale meat market, there has been a fairly active demand for practically all meats. Supplies and demand have been about evenly balanced, so that prices have held mostly unchanged. However, ^{higher} prices have averaged about \$1.00 per hundredweight on veal.

Butter --

Despite declines in production, supplies of butter in the San Francisco wholesale market are fully ample for demand at unchanged prices. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 64-1/2 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted at 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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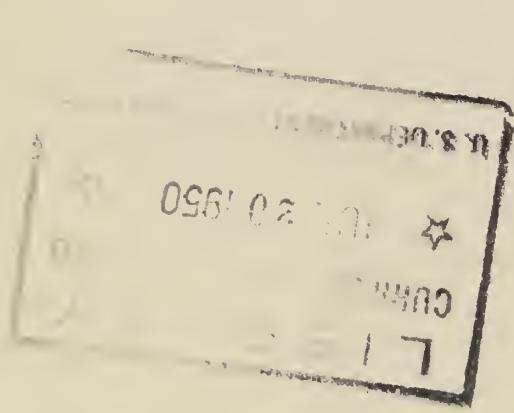


Eggs --

In the egg market, prices are up 1-cent per dozen from a week ago on large and medium sizes as the result of declining production and warm weather. Grade "A" Large eggs are quoted to retailers at 45 to 46 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums at 41 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons; and Grade "A" Smalls at 29 to 31 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

Despite a very active demand for dressed poultry, prices are unchanged from last week on all classes.



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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended July 14, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11---- Youngberries, boysenberries, apricots, peaches, currants, and blackberries are the week's Best Buys from the fruit department.

Good Buys this week include cantaloups, plums, bananas, strawberries, watermelons, raspberries, and loganberries.

In the Fair Buy class are lemons, oranges, nectarines, and cherries.

New arrivals in the market this week include Bartlett pears and cling peaches, as well as a few Gravenstein and Red June apples, Cardinal grapes, and cherries and raspberries from Oregon.

In the vegetables, the week's Best Buys are cauliflower, corn, lettuce, soft squash, and snap beans.

Among the Good Buys are cabbage, carrots, celery, cucumbers, okra, and peas.

Fair Buys include asparagus, peppers, artichokes, and eggplant.

Meat

Demand has been fairly active for moderate supplies of most meats in the San Francisco wholesale market. However, supplies of fresh pork were light last week. This, coupled with drastic upturns in prices on live hogs, resulted in price hikes of \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hundredweight on pork loins. Fresh hams and butts, as well as smoked sliced bacon, gained \$2.00 per hundredweight, while smoked hams advanced \$3.00 per hundredweight, and lard went up 50 cents per hundredweight. In the beef division, prices advanced \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on ribs and plates. All other classes of meat have held unchanged in price from a week ago.

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Butter --

Although western butter production continues on a downward trend, supplies are adequate for the moderate demand. Prices in the San Francisco wholesale market are unchanged from a week ago, with Grades A&AA(1st Quality) quoted to retailers at 64-1/2 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) quoted at 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints.

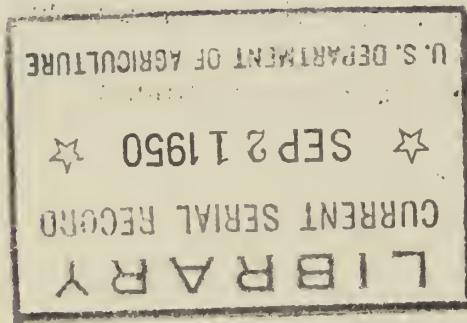
Eggs --

In the egg market, conditions are about as they were last week. Production continues on a seasonal downward trend, with warm weather in producing areas curtailing receipts of top grades. Under a moderate demand, prices have advanced 3 cents since last week on Grade "A" Large and Medium sizes. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" large, 48 to 49 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 45 to 46 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls, 29 to 31 cents per dozen.

Poultry

In the poultry market, lighter offerings of fryers and roasters have resulted in price advances of 2 to 3 cents on dressed fryers and 4 cents on dressed roasters. Broilers, as well as both light and heavyweight hens, are ample for their moderate demand at unchanged prices. All other classes are unchanged from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended July 21, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18--- Best Buys in fruit this week include apricots, freestone peaches, and plums.

Among the Good Buys are cantaloups, strawberries, blackberries, loganberries, raspberries, bananas, and watermelons.

Included in the Fair Buy class this week are lemons, oranges, nectarines, and grapes,

From the vegetable bin the Best Buys are snap beans, cucumbers, corn, lettuce, peas, soft squash, and Bell peppers.

Good Buys include cabbage, celery, eggplant, okra, and carrots.

Artichokes remain a Fair Buy.

Meat --

Lighter supplies and higher prices have dominated the San Francisco wholesale meat market during the past week. In the beef division, supplies cleared practically every day at unchanged prices, as did light supplies of veal and calf. Spring lamb dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on most weights, but all classes of ewe mutton brought \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight more than the previous week. Pork, on the other hand, was in exceedingly limited supply, with the result that prices have advanced \$4.00 per hundredweight on carcasses, \$6.00 to \$8.00 per hundredweight on loins, fresh hams and picnics, \$2.00 per hundredweight on butts, and \$4.00 per hundredweight on spareribs. Among the smoked pork cuts, price rises included \$4.00 per hundredweight on hams, \$6.00 to \$8.00 on picnics, \$1.00 to \$2.00 on bacon, and \$2.00 to \$2.50 per hundredweight on lard.

Butter --

An increased demand for whole milk powder and ice cream has temporarily shortened supplies of butter in the San Francisco wholesale market. Although butter production is on a seasonal downgrade, it is still larger than a year ago. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) have advanced 1-1/2 cents per pound since a week ago and are quoted to retailers at 66 to 68-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged at a quotation to retailers of 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

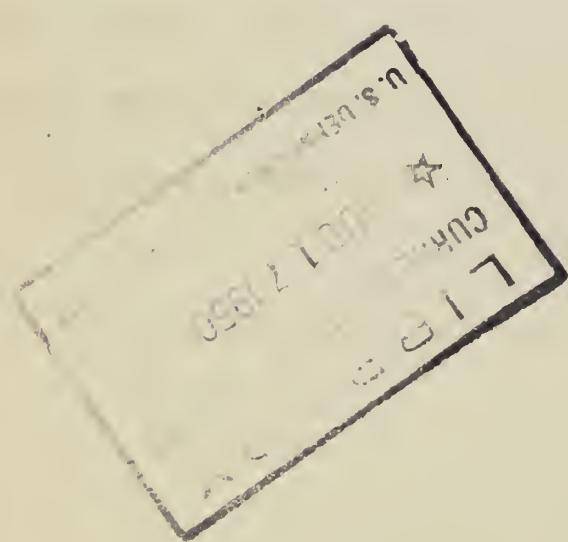
Eggs --

With supplies of eggs somewhat short of demand, prices have advanced 3 cents from a week ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 50 to 51 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 46 to 48 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 31 to 33 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

In the wholesale poultry market there has been a good demand for somewhat lighter supplies, and prices have been on an upward trend. Dressed broilers, all weights of fryers, roasters, and all weights of Leghorn hens have gained 1-cent per pound. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 25----This week's Best Buys in fruit include plums, peaches, and blackberries.

In the Good Buy class are cantaloups, watermelons, honeydew melons, loganberries, Thompson Seedless grapes, and apricots.

Among the Fair Buys this week are lemons, oranges, nectarines, Gravenstein apples, and Bartlett pears.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin this week are cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, Bell peppers, soft squash, and lettuce.

Good Buys include corn, eggplant, peas, and celery.

Meat --

With the possible exception of beef, there was plenty of all classes of meat in the San Francisco wholesale market last week. Prices advanced \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on steer beef, and as much as \$3.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight on cow beef. On beef cuts, prices ranged \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight higher than the previous week. On veal, prices edged up \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on the low-side of the price range, while Commercial and Utility grades of fresh calf gained \$2.00 per hundredweight on the top-side of the price range. Liberal supplies of lamb held mostly unchanged in price, but plentiful supplies of fresh pork sold on a downward price trend, with loins mostly \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight below a week ago. Smoked picnics and bacon, though, advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight. And lard gained \$3.00 per hundredweight.

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Butter --

In the San Francisco wholesale market larger offerings of top grades of butter have resulted in a price drop of 1/2-cent on those grades, while Grade B butter has gained 2 cents a pound since a week ago. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 65-1/2 to 68 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints and Grade B(2nd Quality) butter is listed at a quotation to retailers of 64 to 65 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Although western production continues downward, output is still around 14 percent larger than a year ago.

Eggs --

With local egg production on a continual seasonal decline, local receipts are being supplemented by out-of-state shipments. Prices are higher than a week ago, with Grade "A" Large up 2 cents at a quotation to retailers of 52 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are quoted 2 to 3 cents higher at 49 to 50 cents per dozen in cartons. And Grade "A" Smalls are up 1 to 2 cents at a quotation of 32 to 35 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

Higher meat prices have resulted in a more active demand for dressed poultry. This, coupled with the facts that available supplies of young chickens are smaller and that there is a tendency to hold hens on farms because of higher egg prices, has in turn meant higher prices on some classes of poultry. Broilers are selling 3 cents per pound higher than a week ago; all light type hens are up 2 cents per pound; heavy hens are 1 to 2 cents per pound above a week ago; and young tom turkeys are up 1 cent per pound. Large fryers have dropped 1 cent per pound, and roasters are down 2 cents below a week ago. All other classes are unchanged.

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